NEWSLETTER - MARCH 2026

GOLD $5,097.70 SILVER $83.18 ₿ BITCOIN $68,062

Last Month: GOLD $5,116.80 SILVER $117.27 ₿ BITCOIN $87,575

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NEXT MEETING MARCH 5TH

Next Olympia Coin Club Meeting
Virgil S. Clarkson Senior Center
(next to the Lacey Community Center)
6757 Pacific Ave SE
Lacey, WA 98503
7:00PM - Doors open at 6:00PM

UPCOMING SHOWS AND EVENTS

March 7th
GRAYS HARBOR COIN, STAMP & COLLECTIBLES 62nd Annual SHOW
Aberdeen Rotary Log Pavilion, 1401 Sargent Blvd., Aberdeen, WA
Paul, 360-589-4447 hoquiam1@comcast.net

MAR 14
STANWOOD COIN CLUB ANNUAL SHOW
Stanwood Fairgrounds, 6431 Pioneer Hwy, Stanwood, WA
Mike Diedrick
425-876-8798

For a complete list of upcoming shows visit the PNNA Calendar - (Click here)

Oliver Brock
Club President

A WORD FROM PRESIDENT OLIVER BROCK

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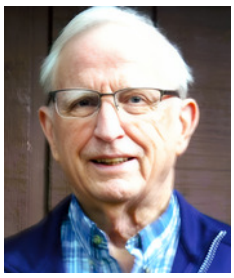
Where do we go from here? It's a great time to collect coins again. With the bullion market in uncharted waters. Numismatic is the way to go again. Besides that, was what a coin store was built on. When shop owners found profit in bullion, they jumped in both feet. Leaving numismatists on the side. Some shops are so heavy into bullion now they won't survive today. That brings into play coin shows to find those coins. The majority of the coin shows are put on by coin clubs which are healthy for the hobby. So, let's do our part in supporting coin club shows also. The Olympia Coin Club membership is up. Thanks to all the members. I think networking with other coin clubs and outreach is a great resource to use.

Thank You,
Oliver

Olympia Coin Club - Meeting Minutes
Feb. 5, 2026


Richard Green
Club Secretary

Oliver opened the meeting at 7:00 PM. There were 46 in attendance. He introduced new member, Glenn Klumb.
The members were reminded that the annual dues of $15 are now due.
Treasurer's Report: Terri reported that as of the end of Jan. 2026, the Club had $9,513.24 on hand with expenses of $3,124.30 and income of $6,162.00.
Club Show and Sale: Terri and Kevin reported that we sold over 1600 tickets for the gold and silver coin drawings. The vendors reported that they were well pleased with their sales, the venue was very accommodating, and the volume of the attendance was great. The Fair Grounds venue has been reserved for next year. It was suggested that in the future we attempt to get a count of the number of attendees.
Out Reach: The Lacey Fun Fair will be held on May 11 and 12 at St. Martin's University. Kevin has volunteered to coordinate the Clubs active participation in the Fair. Club presence at the Fair is dependent upon getting enough volunteers to man the Club booth at the Fair. Please, give this some thought and plan to help for a couple of hours.
The Rotary Duck Dash will be on June 6 at the Thurston County Fair Grounds. This too will need Club volunteers.
PNNA: The PNNA show and sale will be held on April 11 and 12 at The Holiday Inn, Columbia River View on Hayden Island, Portland, OR. This is a change of venue due to the uncertainty of the sales tax situation in Washington State.
Bid Board: One Bid Board was completed and the winner of the 2000p Silver Dollar was Ken Failkowski.
State Fair: Kevin and Rick made early appeals for members to consider volunteering in the PNNA booth at the Fair in Sept. 2026. Each shift will be 4 hours and free admittance and parking will be available.
Green Ticket Winners:
2001 Jamaca half Penny Coin – Chase Clark
1971 Ike Half Dollar – Jerry Bruce
1931d & 1909 Wheat Pennies – Rudy Kennedy

Membership Prize
Liberia 10 Dollar Coin – Terri Yurkas
YN Drawing Winner
1995 Half Dollar – Rudy Kennedy
The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Rich Green, Secretary

Next OCC Board Meeting
March 26th at 6pm
Rivers Edge - Tumwater

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Mar 5

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American Eagle 2026 Gold Proof Four-Coin Set

AMERICAN EAGLE COINS

WEST POINT (W)

26EF

Mar 5

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American Eagle 2026 One-Half Ounce Gold Proof Coin

AMERICAN EAGLE COINS

WEST POINT (W)

26EC

Mar 5

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American Eagle 2026 One Ounce Gold Proof Coin

AMERICAN EAGLE COINS

WEST POINT (W)

26EB

Mar 5

COMING SOON LIMITED

American Eagle 2026 One-Quarter Ounce Gold Proof Coin

AMERICAN EAGLE COINS

WEST POINT (W)

26ED

Mar 5

COMING SOON LIMITED

American Eagle 2026 One-Tenth Ounce Gold Proof Coin

AMERICAN EAGLE COINS

WEST POINT (W)

26EE

Mar 27

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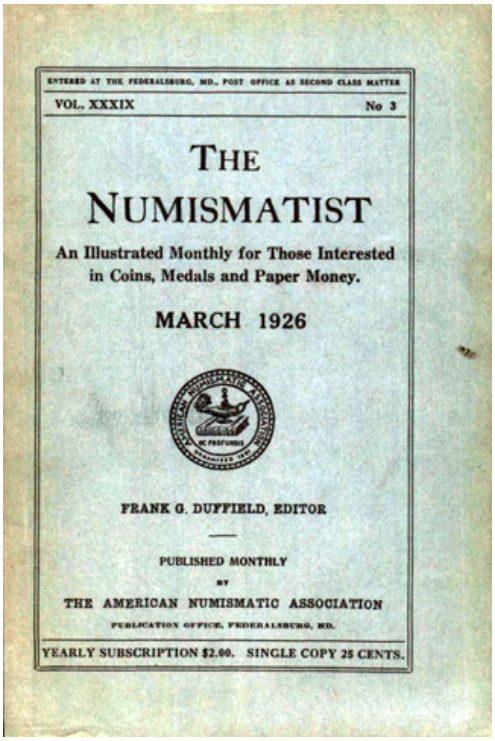
100 Years Ago in Coins: A Look Back Through The Numismatist

Here's a look back 100 years at a couple of articles from the MaRCH 1926 issue of The Numismatist.



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THE GAMING COUNTER OF MONTE CARLO.

The following, copied from "The Ironic Monte Carlo," by Ward Muir, published in "Appleton's Booklovers' Magazine," Vol. VII, 1906, may be of interest to the readers of THE NUMISMATIST:

"When the present Casino was first organized (1860), the players were compelled to purchase counters, priced at two francs apiece (the counter is illustrated above), from the administration, and to stake with these as tallies alone. At the close of the day's play the counters could be redeemed at the 'Guichet' at their face value. But, in practice, they were not always redeemed, and by degrees filtered into circulation in Monaco.

"M. Blank's (the owner of the Casino) counters were accepted everywhere by shopkeepers and 'hoteliers' in lieu of cash. Two hundred thousand of them in all were issued. This satisfactory state of affairs continued well into the seventies, until one fine day M. Blank decided to recall his counters, and issued a mandate announcing that they must be immediately redeemed, on pain of repudiation. His 200,000 counters had mysteriously grown and multiplied into 400,000. The shock would have irritated a smaller mind than M. Blank's. He shrugged his shoulders, and paid out the two francs for each of the counters. At the same date as the abolishing of the tally system the minimum stake was raised from two francs at roulette to five francs, where it now stands (1906), and twenty francs was fixed as the minimum for the game of trente-et-quarante. M. Blank has no use for the small speculator who played often and lost little—especially when the small speculator was not even playing with genuine counters." E.

HUNDRED-YEAR-OLD COINS CIRCULATING IN VIRGINIA.

Circulation of half dollars bearing the dates of 1812 and 1826 in Fredericksburg, Va., has been explained by the cashier of one of the local banks.

About 2,000 pieces recently were put in circulation within a few days. All of them are in perfect condition, the milling being as sharp as if they had been newly minted, and on the edge of each is cut "50 cents or half dollar."

During the fall plowing near Spotsylvania Courthouse a farmer turned up a box. On opening it he found it contained, among other silver, a quantity of coins. It is related that the finder intended holding the coins for a premium, but the needs of winter drove him to use them at once.—Baltimore Sun.

The Buffalo Hunt.

By WALDO C. MOORE.

(A paper read before the Annual Convention of the American Numismatic Association, Detroit, Mich., August 21 to 27, 1925.)

THE AMERICAN BISON.
(See the Lewis and Clark $10 United States note.)

The days of elk and buffalo
And beaver traps are gone.

Oh, the days of elk and buffalo!
It fills my heart with pain
To know these days are past and gone
To never come again.
—The Old Scout's Lament.

If the trapper-hunter had a crest like the knights of the wilderness who lived lives of daredoing in the olden times, it should unquestionably represent a canoe, a snowshoe, a musket, a beaver, and a buffalo. While the beaver was his quest and the recognized coin of the fur-trading realm, the buffalo was the great staple on which the very existence of the huntsman depended. Bed and blankets and clothing, shields for war-time, sinew for bows, bone for shaping of rude lance-heads, kettles and bull-boats and saddles, roof and rug and curtain-wall for the hunting lodge, and, most important of all, food that could be kept in any climate for any length of time and that which combined the lightest weight with the greatest nourishment —all these were supplied by the buffalo.

The American bison, improperly termed buffalo, was the early pathfinder, and, linked with the early history of the red man, makes a most picturesque feature of the past. The red man of the forest primeval has disappeared; the pioneer, shunning the society of the refined and intelligent, has long since gone in search of the ultima thule, and the squatter has followed his footsteps. The early trader was a transitory creature and in no wise disturbed the primitive condition of the wilderness. But soon there came along the trail the hard frontiersman, and both forest and plain, which had known no harsher sound than the whistle of the arrow, now re-echoed with the stroke of the ax and the report of the rifle. "My country, 'tis of thee, land where things used to be."

The huge bulk of the buffalo tore the underbrush and his hoofs wore smooth the adopted paths between feeding grounds and watering courses. It is known that buffalo paths may yet be traced to the Middle West. In searching for a passageway from the Western Virginia valleys to the Kentucky region, Daniel Boone found that all buffalo traces converged at the Cumberland Gap, where Virginia, Tennessee and Kentucky now meet. In 1769, closely following the buffalo traces, Boone laid out the famout "Wilderness Road," a name familiar to every early settler in Kentucky and Tennessee. If the buffalo ever roamed east of the Alleghany hills, his trace formed the basis of many Indian trails, as it did west of the mountains.

Coronado, a Spanish Governor of Mexico, while searching for gold in 1540, first saw and hunted the famous "hunchback cows" on the Western plains

of what is now Kansas. The American bison used to be much hunted for sport as well as for its flesh and skin, and to overhunting its destruction is due. It has become extinct in the wild state, though formerly to be met with in immense herds. Adaptability to environment, strength excelling all foes, wonderful sagacity against attack—these were factors that partly explained the vastness of the buffalo herds once roaming the North American continent. Proofs enough remain to show that the size of the herds simply could not be exaggerated.

It's all the day long as we go tramping round
In search of the buffalo that we may shoot him down;
* * * * * *
Our game, it is the antelope, the buffalo, wolf, and deer,
Who roamed the wide prairies without a single fear;
* * * * * *
The buffalo, he is the noblest of the band,
He sometimes rejects in throwing up his hand,
His shaggy mane thrown forward, his head raised to the sky,
He seems to say: "We're coming, boys; so, hunter, mind your eye."
—The Buffalo Hunters.

The Cheyennes, whose early mode of navigation was the buffalo-hide canoe, in 1874, enraged at the ruthless, reckless slaughter of the buffalo by the white man, along with other agencies, made numerous raids and watched to pick off the buffalo skinners. It was the Indian hunting grounds, gradually slipping, to which each year came the various tribes from the North and from the South to lay in their winter store of buffalo jerked meat and skins. Man was the least cruel of the buffalo's foes. The railway, more than the pot-hunter, was the power that exterminated the buffalo. When the iron line cut athwart the continent the herds only stampeded from one quarter to rush into the fresh dangers of another. Far crueler havoc was worked by the prairie fire. Natural history tells of nothing sadder than a buffalo herd overtaken by a prairie fire.

The bison that roamed the American plains by millions prior to 1870 were all but exterminated a decade later. For years past the roaming buffalo is as rare an animal in the West as in the East. Gone is the buffalo, the Indian war whoop, the free grass of the open plain. The changing and romantic West of the early days lives mainly in story and in song. The frontier in America has passed forever and a higher civilization now holds from the Alleghanies to the Rockies.

Obsolete paper money makes an interesting hobby and study. To be the possessor of a note issued in days agone bearing scenes celebrating bits of history relating to the buffalo is quite enough to make of just an accumulator an ardent collector. The list of illustrations here given of the several scenes representative of "The Buffalo Hunt," as delineated on various broken bank bills, is aimed not at completeness, but, rather, intended to stir up more and lasting interest in uncurrent paper-money collecting. At this distance of time it is not always so easy to connect up the history belonging to the various obsolete note issues, since there are usually some missing links to be found in the chase.

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100 Years Ago in Coins: A Look Back Through The Numismatist Continued

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Illustration No. 1.

$5. The Government of Texas, Treasury Department, Houston, Texas. 1838. Sam Houston, President. Henry Smith, Treasurer. Engraved by Draper, Tappan, Longacre & Company, Philadelphia and New York.

Illustration No. 2.

$5. Clark, Gruber & Company, Denver, Colorado. Payable in Denver coin. Engraved by the American Bank Note Company, New York. The Clark, Gruber & Company, *in* 1860-62, struck their own coins from native Colorado gold.

Illustration No. 3.

$10. The Drovers Bank, Leavenworth City, Kansas Territory. 1856. Engraved by W. L. Ormsby, New York.

$1. State of New York, pattern, probably intended for some bank in the city of Buffalo. W. L. Ormsby, engraver, New York.

Illustration No. 4.

$5. State Stock Security Bank, Newport, Indiana. 1853. Engravers, Danforth, Bald & Company, New York and Philadelphia.

$3. Western Exchange Fire and Marine Insurance Company, Omaha City, Nebraska. 1856, written date, also 1857, printed date. Deposited by Bishop Hill Colony. Engraved by Danforth, Wright and Company, New York and Philadelphia.

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No. 7.

$1. The Stock Security Bank, Danville, Illinois. 1853. Engraved by Danforth, Bald & Company, New York and Philadelphia.

Illustration No. 5.

$5. The Lawrnece Bank, Lawrence, Kansas. Engraved by American Bank Note Company, New York.
$2. State Bank of Michigan, Detroit. Engravers, American Bank Note Company, New York.
$1. The Bank of Nebraska, Omaha City, Nebraska. 1856. Engraved by Toppan, Carpenter & Company, New York and Philadelphia.
$1. The Bank of Tennessee, Nashville. 1858. Tpopan, Carpenter & Company, engravers.

Illustration No. 6.

$3. Shawnee Bank, Attica, Indiana. 1854. Engraved by Danforth, Wright & Company, New York and Philadelphia.

Illustration No. 7.

$2. Oakland County Bank, Pontiac, Michigan. 1843.
$1. State Bank of Illinois, Lockport. 1840. Payable from the "Illinois & Michigan Canal Fund." Engravers, Rawdon, Wright & Hatch, New York.
$1. The Union Bank, Montreal, Canada. 1838. Engraved by Rawdon, Wright & Hatch, New York.

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$2. The Bank of Dakota, Dakota City, Nebraska. Danforth, Wright & Company, engravers, New York and Philadelphia.

$1. Western Exchange Fire & Marine Insurance Company, Omaha City, Nebraska. 1856, written date, also 1857, printed date. Deposited by Bishop Hill Colony. Engraved by Danforth, Wright & Company, New York and Philadelphia.

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$2. The Western Exchange Fire & Marine Insurance Company, Omaha City, Nebraska. 1856, written date, also 1857, printed date. Deposited by Bishop Hill Colony. Danforth, Wright & Company, engravers, New York and Philadelphia.

Illustration No. 10.

$2.50. State Bank of Illinois, Lockport, Illinois. Date, early forties. Payable from the account of the "Illinois & Michigan Canal Fund." Rawdon, Wright & Hatch, engravers.

$1. The Bank of Buffalo, Buffalo, New York. 1845. Engraved by Rawdon, Wright & Hatch.

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No. 12.

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Illustration No. 11.
$2. The Nemaha Valley Bank, Brownville, Nebraska. 1857. Tappan, Carpenter & Company, engravers, Philadelphia and New York.

Illustration No. 12.
A small herd of buffaloes is seen to the left center and far distance in the scene on the $2 State Bank of Ohio notes which were current in the forties. These State branch bank notes were the work of Toppan, Carpenter & Company, Cincinnati.

Illustration No. 13.
Whenever and wherever the great seal of the State of Indiana is found completely illustrated, there the buffalo is also pictured.

Throughout the buffalo hunt the outline or picture of a lone bison, variously positioned, was noticed occasionally on some of the broken bank bills, for which statement the following list will silently vouch. Of course, a lone buffalo is to be found on all Indian notes where the State seal came pictured. From descriptions given (man felling a tree; a buffalo) such as the $1, $2 and $5 notes of the Crescent City Bank, Evansville, Indiana, and notes of other Indiana broken banks holding a like description, could easily

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be classed under the illustration of the seal of the State of Indiana. An incomplete list of notes picturing a lone buffalo is as follows:

(a) $10. State Bank of Indiana, Indianapolis. Branches at Bedford, Evansville, Fort Wayne, Indianapolis, Lafayette, Lawrenceburg, Madison, Michigan City, New Albany, Richmond, South Bend, Terre Haute and Vincennes. The State Bank of Indiana neither issued nor paid notes except at its branches.
(b) $5. Bank of Clinton, Michigan. 1837. Engraved by Rawdon, Wright & Hatch, New York.
(c) $5. Walter Joy's Bank, Buffalo, New York. Engraved by Rawdon, Wright, Hatch & Edson, New York.
(d) $3. The Chicago Bank, Chicago, Illinois.
(e) $2. Treasurer of the City of Wapello, Iowa. 1857. Rawdon, Wright, Hatch & Edson, engravers, New York.
(f) $1. Kelsey H. Douglass, Nacogdoches, Texas. 1839. Payable at the office of W. M. Real, New Orleans. Engravers were Rawdon, Wright & Hatch, New York, and Rawdon, Wright, Hatch & Edson, New York.

In the buffalo hunt, certain broken bank notes were not to be found, and the few descriptions available did not always make it possible to decipher whether like buffalo scenes as depictured on other notes were used. There is no convincing proof at command whether or not any of the buffalo scenes as depicted on the following list of broken bank bills, are represented among the fore-mentioned illustrations.

(a) $20. Bank of Louisville, Louisville, Kentucky. (Indians hunting buffaloes.)
(b) $5. Kansas Valley Bank, Atchison, Kansas. (Indian on horseback, shooting buffaloes.)
(c) $1. Cherokee Insurance and Banking Company, Dalton, Georgia. (Indian with spear and horse, looking at train crossing the prairies.)
(d) $1. Bank of Quincy, Quincy, Illinois. 1858. (Indian spearing a buffalo.)

BELGIUM TO QUIT LATIN MONETARY UNION.

Belgium's announcement that she intended to withdraw from the Latin Monetary Union at the end of the year caused considerable surprise, because nothing indicated that Belgium contemplated such a step, says the New York Times.

It will be recalled that the Latin Monetary Union, which was founded by France, Belgium, Switzerland and Italy in 1865 and adhered to by Greece in 1868, had a purpose in regulating their coinage uniformity. This enabled the silver and gold currencies of each participating nation to be accepted as legal tender in the other nations, and this was particularly important in the case of Belgium, where many thousands of workmen go daily to work in the north of France.

As Finland, Esthonia, Luxemburg, Monaco, Poland, Rumania, Spain and Yugoslavia have adopted a standard currency with the same title as the French gold franc—with Latvia planning to do likewise—it might have been expected that after Europe had returned to normal currency conditions the number of nations belonging to the Latin Monetary Union would have been increased to a point where a uniform standard throughout Europe might have been established.

It is thought that Belgium may intend adopting the American dollar or an entirely new standard of its own, and, what is worse from the French standpoint, a currency based on the pound sterling or the German mark. If this should prove true, it would naturally cause alarm and might interfere with commercial and industrial relations by making exchange operations necessary for all payments for salaries or merchandise and by forcing Belgian workmen into new channels.

WHAT DENOMINATION ARE THESE GOLD PIECES?

Madrid celebrated on January 23 its patron saint's day in honor of King Alfonso. After religious ceremonies the King received forty pieces of gold, one more than the number of his years, according to an ancient custom of the Spanish court. Distinguished citizens called during the day at the palace, signing a special album. A banquet in the evening was attended by the presidents of forty-nine provincial delegations.—New York Times.

Keep the Club Running - OCC Needs a Treasurer

Olympia Coin Club needs a Treasurer to keep the club running. Are you interested?

Treasurer Duties:

- Collect Payments – Receive membership dues and bid board sales (from Rick Schultz).
- Auction Transactions – Receive payments for auctions and make change (assistants may handle this).
- Manage Club Finances – Oversee the checkbook and cash box.
- Pay any bills or invoices
- Record keeping – Maintain transaction records and send them to Terri for the Treasurer's Report (or create the report yourself if preferred).
- Financial Reporting – Provide a financial update to officers and directors.
- Annual Coin Show – Collect funds from ticket and table sales, track income and expenses, and provide a cash box for the event.

Assistant Treasurer Duties:

(We can have multiple assistants, so don't hesitate to jump in!)

- Auction Management – Track auction sales - yellow auction sheets.
- Raffle Coordination – Sell raffle tickets for 3–4 prizes during the meeting.
- Announce Winners – Announce the raffle and membership prize winners.
- Transaction Handling – Receive auction payments and provide change.
- Seller Settlements – Finalize auction sellers' lots, charge any applicable fees, and pay the seller.

Collector Reunites a Carved Half Dollar with Family

This story originally appeared in the March 2022 issue of Coin World. I reached out to request permission for a reprint but never received a response, so what follows is my own paraphrased account, based on the published article and my recollection of the events.

As a side note, I'm slowly running out of new material for the newsletter, and we haven't had any member-submitted articles. If you'd like to contribute a story, research piece, or collecting experience, I'd be thrilled to include it in an upcoming issue. Your voice helps keep the newsletter fresh and engaging for everyone.

Every collector hopes to find something unusual at a coin show — a rarity, a curiosity, or a piece with a story. At the Northwest Tokens and Medals Show on February 20, I found all three in a single coin: a Seated Liberty half dollar whose obverse had been completely hand-engraved as a memorial.

The inscription read:

EARL McMahan
BORN SEPT. 21, 1886, ALBANY, ILL.
DIED MAY 16, 1901, LANSING, IOWA

The reverse suggested an 1843–1844 host coin, but the engraving was the real centerpiece — a piece of numismatic folk art created to remember a boy who died at just 14 years old.

I found the coin in one of the ten binders at the table of Lynda Haight and Marty Shallow of A Coin Shop LLC in Silverdale, Washington. I'd seen them at several shows in recent weeks, usually buying trade tokens from Lynda, and I saved their table for last because I knew I'd be spending some time there. Halfway through the binders, this engraved half dollar stopped me cold. I looked at it, moved on, and kept coming back. The questions were immediate: Who commissioned this? A parent? A sibling? Why a half dollar? How did it survive? Those answers are lost to time — but the mystery is part of the appeal.

The coin had been in their shop for 11 or 12 years, simply waiting for the right collector to come along. Engraved pieces aren't always quick sellers, so it remained tucked away until I stumbled upon it.
With so much information carved into the surface, I assumed the genealogical search would be easy. At home, I went straight to Ancestry — I entered the name, Carl McMahan, and every search came up empty. Some, the names were exact but the dates didn't mach. After chasing dead ends, I switched to Find-a-Grave. Typing in the dates with no first name finally revealed the truth: Earl, not Carl. There was his headstone, confirming everything except a one-day discrepancy in the date of death — a common occurrence in older records.

Armed with the correct name, I returned to Ancestry and quickly found Earl in four different family trees. I messaged each tree owner, explaining that I had acquired a memorial coin engraved with their relative's name and asking whether the family might want it.

One person responded. Earl, she explained, was her grandmother's brother. She also shared the heartbreaking detail that Earl had died after being accidentally shot by his own brother. More than 120 years after his death, this small engraved half dollar — a handmade memorial created by someone who loved him — was about to return to his descendants. She also disclosed to me that the coin was probably in the possession of her Aunt and from there had ended up in the coin shop.

I offered the coin to her for what I had paid: $40 plus $5 shipping. It felt right. As I wrote at the time, I was a little sad to see such a beautiful piece leave my hands, but far more excited knowing it was finally going home. She only lived an hour from my home as well.

Collector Reunites a Carved Half Dollar with Family

Continued

The Coin World article that followed highlighted not only the genealogical detective work but also the broader lesson for collectors: engraved pieces, whether love tokens or memorials, often carry deeply personal stories. They may sit unnoticed in a dealer's binder for years, but with a bit of curiosity and research, they can reconnect families with pieces of their own history.

For me, this experience reinforced something I've always believed: coins aren't just metal. Sometimes they're memories — and sometimes, if we're lucky, we get to help return those memories to the people who cherish them most.

Since that time I have carved several memorial coins. As you know coins basically last forever and what a great way to memorialize someone for the family. I tell the people I give the coins to "toss this in your jewelry box and let the great-grandkids discover it in 100 years".

Some Love Token / Memorial Tokens from days past and present

Olympia Coin Club Annual Coin Show January 31st Was a Success

Kevin Charboneau
Bourse Chair

As Rich mentioned in the meeting notes: Club Show and Sale: Terri and Kevin reported that we sold over 1600 tickets for the gold and silver coin drawings. The vendors reported that they were well pleased with their sales, the venue was very accommodating, and the volume of the attendance was great. The Fair Grounds venue has been reserved for next year. It was suggested that in the future we attempt to get a count of the number of attendees.

Also a special thank you to all the volunteers who helped with setup, tear down, manning the front door and ticket sales and helping out around the show.

Recently Sold on eBay

ABOUT UNCIRCULATED DETAILS 1890-CC MORGAN SILVER DOLLARS AU $1 (BC1)
Sold for $324.00 - 31 bids

Early Olympia, Wash. Jack's Cigar Store Brass Trade Token
Sold for $9.99

2004-P Wisconsin High Leaf Error Quarter Dollar Coin- Circulated & Collectable
Sold for $1,500.00

MPC Series 541, 10 Dollars, ND (1958), VF++, P-M42MPC Series 541, 10 Dollars, ND (1958), VF++, P-M42
Sold for: $480.00

1995-W American Silver Eagle PR70 DCAM PCGS *7633
Sold for: $14,995.95

ONE 2021 GOLD EAGLE 1/10 OZ $5 COIN TYPE 1 IN CAPSULE LAST YEAR OF THIS DESIGN
Sold for: $2,800.00

1928 $500 FEDERAL RESERVE NOTE MINNEAPOLIS FR.2200-I PCGS B ABOUT UNC AU 50
Sold for: $5,499.99

2026-2026 Elected Officers

President	Oliver Brock
Vice President	Jay DeBoer
Treasurer	
Secretary	Richard Green

Board Members

Position 1	Todd Hughes
Position 2	Jordan Kennedy
Position 3	Dale Gerard
Position 4	Ken Fialkowski

Support Officers

Bourse Chair & Auctioneer	Kevin Charboneau
Auction Recorder	Kristi Gerard
Auction Videographer	Rudy Kennedy
Club Baker	Mike Zagorin

Appointed Positions

Newsletter Editor	Jay DeBoer

Regular Monthly Meeting

Regular monthly meetings are held at:
Virgil S. Clarkson Senior Center
(next to the Lacey Community Center)
6757 Pacific Ave SE
Lacey, WA 98503
7:00PM on the first Thursday of the month.
Doors open at 6:00PM
No July meeting - August is the Club Picnic
December is the Club Holiday Party

Board Meeting

Board Meetings are held on the 4th Thursday of odd numbered months at 6:00PM .
River's Edge Restaurant
4611 Tumwater Valley Dr SE
Tumwater, WA 98501
Board meetings are open to everyone

Olympia Coin Club

Established January 1958 - Olympia, Washington

Membership

Membership runs from January 1st through December 31st.
Annual-dues are $15 for Regular and Family memberships
Junior membership (under 18) is $3

Our Commitment to Numismatics

- **Promote numismatics** – Foster a deep appreciation for coins, currency, and related collectibles, encouraging study, preservation, and historical exploration.
- **Cultivate fellowship among numismatists** – Build a welcoming community where collectors can connect, share knowledge, and enjoy mutual interests.
- **Encourage and assist collectors** – Support collectors at all levels by providing resources, guidance, and opportunities to expand their collections.
- **Provide an opportunity to buy, sell, or trade coins** – Create a marketplace where enthusiasts can engage in fair and informed transactions.
- **Engage and inspire young numismatists** – Spark interest in coin collecting among younger generations through mentorship, educational programs, and hands-on activities, ensuring the future of the hobby.

Past Issues of the OCC Newsletter can be obtained from the Olympia Coin Club Facebook Group

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WANTED: Olympia Trade Tokens, Hobo Nickels, Error Coins. **SELLING**: Hobo Nickels, Trade Tokens, Currency, Error notes and coins.
Jay DeBoer - JayHobo.com

Leave a Legacy of Numismatic Passion
Consider including the Olympia Coin Club in your estate plans. Whether it's coins, tokens, supplies, or a monetary donation, your gift can help preserve our shared love of history and collecting for future generations. A legacy donation ensures your passion lives on — inspiring, educating, and connecting fellow enthusiasts for years to come. To learn more about how you can make a lasting impact, speak with a club officer.

Auction Donations: Have duplicate coins, older currency, or even treasured pieces you'd like to see make a difference? Enter them in the club auction marked “For the Club” — all proceeds go toward strengthening Olympia Coin Club programs and events. Every donation, big or small, helps build a richer future for our community.

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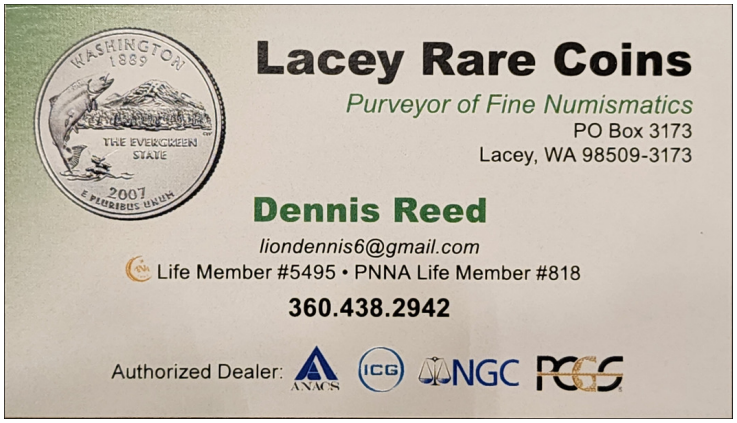

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